

Weekly Column for May 19, 2005

Several weeks ago I took some time to talk about all of the wonderful places to grab a quick bite to eat around our wonderful downtown. Today, it's restaurant day here at the weekly column, a look at some good spots to have a meal outside of the downtown area. We'll start in Lansingburgh, with other spots around the City to be discussed in upcoming weeks.

As we begin our trek in the northern end of Troy, which is loaded with fine eateries, let me say that this is likely my favorite spot to grab a bite to eat.

If you're looking for nice sit down dinner, one of the best places to eat in the Capital District is right smack dab in the 'Burgh. Of course, I'm talking about Verdile's. You cannot go wrong with anything on the menu, and if you'd like a nice treat, follow the lead of my Deputy Mayor and grab a white pizza as an appetizer.

Also in the Burgh is Testo's, another time-honored and well-known eatery. Located on the corner of 124th Street and 4th Avenue (yes, it's way up), whether you're looking for pizza or a meal, this is nice place to bring the family.

If Mediterranean fare is what you're up for, one of the newer establishments in Lansingburgh is Anatolia. Located where the old Colonial restaurant was on Second Avenue, Anatolia has fabulous Mediterranean dishes that I promise all will enjoy.

It wouldn't be a trip to eat in Lansingburgh if we didn't discuss Fisher's. As Bill Fisher likes to say, "You can trust their crust." Oh, and you can eat their steak sandwiches, the ones that words to not describe. Trust me, outside of Philadelphia; you can't get a better steak sandwich than this.

And while I can't vouch for the food at the next place, I can't say enough good things about the potential for Mahoney's Inn. Owned by Councilman Jack Mahoney, this new restaurant, which opens today, is located where the Olde 499 House and The Olde Daley Inn used to operate. I'm sure Councilman Mahoney is bringing a terrific eatery into Lansingburgh, and I wish him the best of luck.

Finally, you need dessert. No problem- Snowman! And if you don't know what I'm talking about, ask around.

Have a great weekend. If you're looking for something interesting to do, I'll be in Lansingburgh on Sunday, across from Mahoney's Inn, reading the Lansingburgh Declaration of Independence, which turns an amazing 230 years old Sunday. It starts at 2 p.m. and should be a great time. And when you're done, you'll definitely know where to eat. Talk to you next week.

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